S.No.	Country	Details of the Victims
		tourism died in the disaster. One 12 year old boy was also reported missing in the disaster.
3.	Thailand (Bangkok)	According to information received from Embassy of India, Bangkok, one Indian national, Mrs. Sangeeta Tushar, who was on a visit to Thailand at that time, died in Phuket (Thailand).
4.	Maldives	Two cases have come to the Ministry's notice. These are (a) Shri Paul Joseph who suffered serious injuries and (b) Shri M.A. Joseph Prem Kumar who lost all his personal effects.

Refusal by Pakistan to play cricket at Ahmedabad

368. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has refused to play cricket in Ahmedabad due to political reasons; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir. The Government of Pakistan has not cited any political reasons for not playing cricket in Ahmedabad.

(b) Does not arise.

Indo-Japanese Cooperation

369. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japan has expressed willingness to work with India to establish a Tsunami early warning mechanism in the Indian Ocean and grant concessional loan assistance, if sought by India;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto;

(c) whether as a part of ongoing high level contracts, three key Japanese Ministers have visited India in January, 2005 to discuss ways to bolster bilateral ties; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been conveyed that Government of India is at present not accepting any bilateral assistance for Tsunami rehabilitation and reconstruction but would be willing to receive assistance through multilateral agencies like the World Bank, ADB and UN organisations.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan Shoichi Nakagawa, Finance Minister of Japan Sadakazu Tanigaki and Minister for Economic and Fiscal Policy of Japan Heizo Takenaka visited India during the month of January, 2005. During these visits, issues relating to bilateral economic and commercial relations were discussed.

Screening of containers at foreign ports

370. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has decided to join the US-led Container Security Initiative which envisages exchange of custom personnel and technology to screen containers at foreign ports;

(b) if so, the composition thereof including Indian participation;

(c) whether Intelligence Agencies and the Customs Authorities have objected to allow U.S. personnel at Indian ports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the benefits to be derived from this partnership?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) The Government is negotiating the introduction of Container Security Initiative arrangements at the Jawaharlal Nehru Port as a pilot project on a reciprocal basis.